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**UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
MOTION FOR LATE ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSES
TO INTERROGATORIES OF DAVID POPKIN
(December 8, 1997)**

The United States Postal Service hereby files its responses to the following interrogatories of David Popkin, dated November 20, 1997 and received by the Postal Service on November 24, 1997: DBP/USPS-94, 95, 96(b), and 97. Personnel responsible for consulting on these interrogatories were involved in preparation for and participation in technical conferences and hearings at the time these interrogatories were received by the Postal Service and were unable to direct their attention to the interrogatories until late last week. As a consequence, it was not possible to file responses until today, 18 days after the interrogatories were dated, although the responses are being filed within 14 days after they were received by the Postal Service.


The Postal Service believes that the filing of these responses today will not prejudice any party.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

By its attorneys:

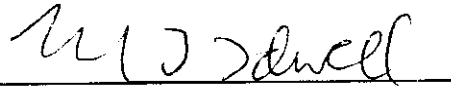
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael T. Tidwell", written over a horizontal line.

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